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a locking mechanism operably associated with at least one of said first and second arms for locking at least a portion of the control pedal shaft within said slot to thereby prevent depression of the control pedal.

**In the Drawings:**

A proposed Drawing Amendment is enclosed showing proposed changes to Figures 1, 3 and 4 in red ink. Specifically, it is proposed that element numeral --14-- be added to Figs. 1, 3 and 4 and that element numeral --36-- be added to Fig. 4.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application, with claims 1, 4 and 7-9 being independent, and claims 8 and 9 being new. Claims 1, 4 and 7 have been amended to correct antecedent basis errors and to change "brake pedal" to --control pedal--. Claim 7 has been amended delete the element wherein the cylindrical opening and the slot are colinear, since the cylindrical opening and slot are not colinear. New claims 8 and 9 have been added to broaden the scope of protection afforded by the '912 patent.

The specification and abstract have been amended to correct idiomatic errors and to include missing element numerals. A submission of proposed drawing amendment has been submitted for approval by the Examiner. Specifically, it is proposed that element numeral --14-- be added to Figs. 1, 3 and 4 and that element numeral --36-- be added to Fig. 4. These requested drawing changes are made to conform to the reference numerals used throughout the specification. Approval is respectfully requested. Formal drawings

incorporating the proposed changes will be submitted upon approval of the proposed drawing changes and receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

Applicant is not seeking reissue of the '912 patent based upon the corrections to the specification, abstract and drawings. It is permissible to make such corrections in a reissue application. See M.P.E.P. § 1402.

No new matter is added to the application by this Preliminary Amendment. Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for examination and such examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 1 and FIG. 2

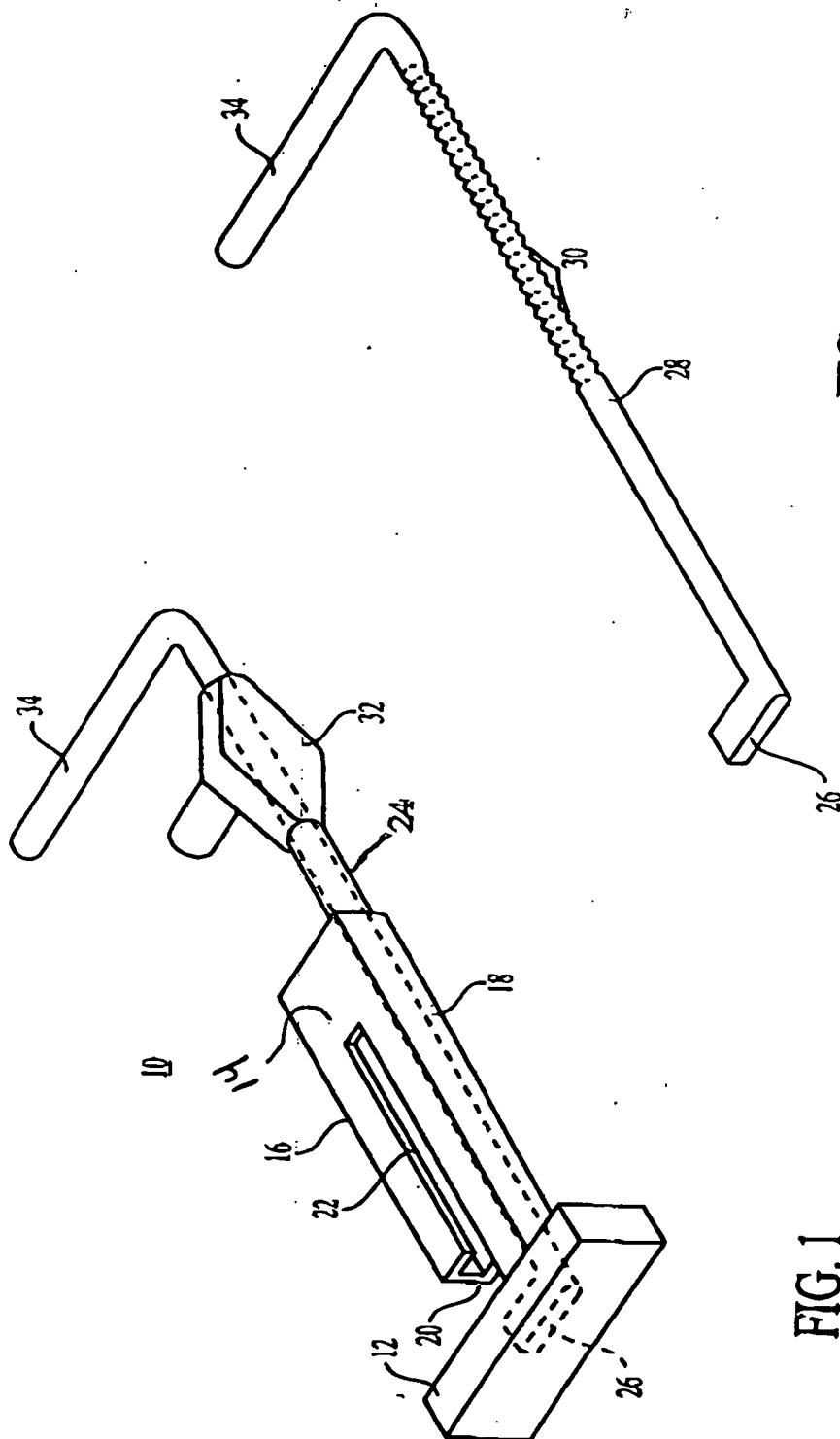


FIG. 1

FIG. 2

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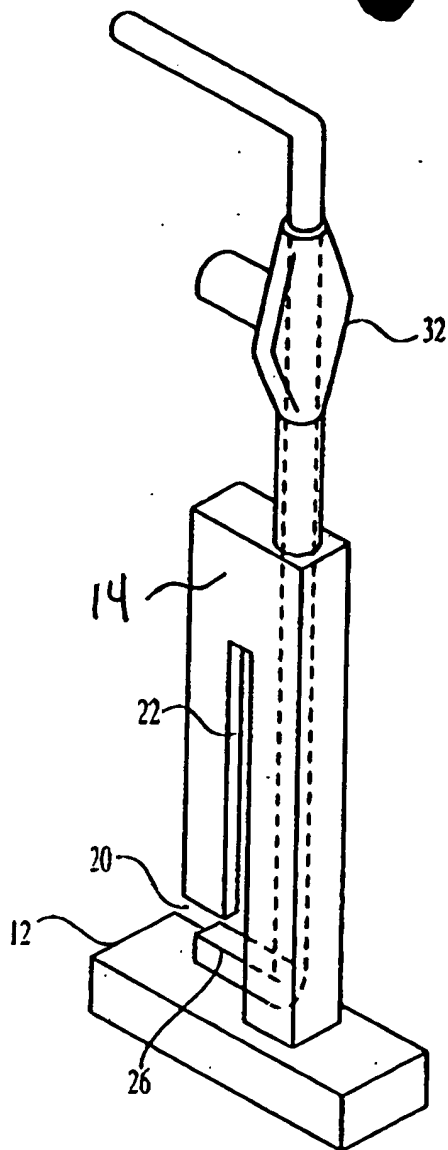


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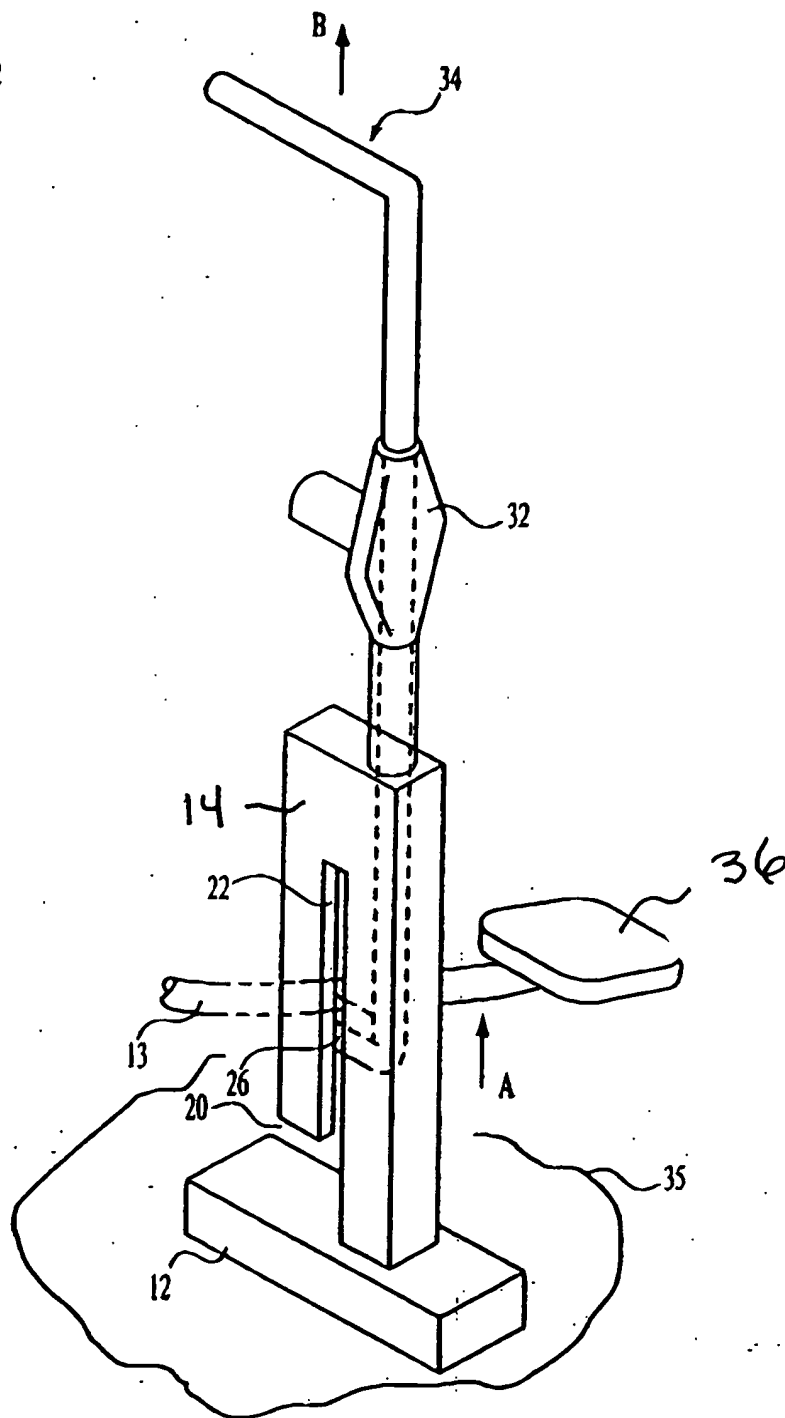


FIG. 4  
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